The actual number of additional schools required would depend on detailed District Elementary Education Plans based on habitation level planning.

Wages to workers under ICDS Projects

2127. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are working hours of different categories of labourers and staff working under ICDS Projects;

(b) the wages being paid to different categories of labourers and staff working under those projects;

(c) whether the wages being paid to meet the norms of minimum wages, as laid down by the Govemment of India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, with the action to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OFHUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOP MENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) (a)There is no provision in the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme to engage labourers. The Staff working under ICDS projects are employees of State Governments/UT Administrations, except Anganwadi Workers and Helpers who are voluntary workers. Regular employees are subject to working hours prevailing in respective States/UTs. Anganwadi Workers and Helpers work for 4 to 5 hours a day.

(b) The regular staff get remuneration as per the Rules of respective States/UTs Anganwadi Workers are paid honorarium, presently ranging from Rs. 438/- to Rs. 563/- p.m., depending upon their qualification and experience and Helpers are paid Rs. 260/- p.m.

(c) and (d) The functionaries under the ICDS .Scheme do not come under the purview of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948.

Harassment of females in Delhi Schools

2128. SHRI BHAGAT RAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of molestation and sexual harassment of girl students

and female teachers in various schools in Delhi have increased during the last one year;

(b) if so, what is the total number of such cases reported so far;

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take in this regard and whether Government are considering to launch a Helpline to protect the interest of girl students and women teachers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SMT.) RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) As per information received from Govt, of NCT of Delhi four cases of sexual harassment have come to their notice.

(c) and (d) The Govt, of NCT of Delhi has taken several steps in this regard. Such cases of sexual harassment are being monitored by senior officers of Directorate of Education. The Departmental Complaint Committees have been constituted at various levels to conduct inquiries in such cases promptly in respect of staff posted in schools under them. There is no proposal to launch Helpline in this regard.

NGOs assisting the ministry of HRD

2129. SHRI P. N. SIVA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the help of NGOs is taken to make all programmes under the Ministry a success;

(b) if so, whether NGOs working for the past several years are treated as a new organisation every year;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the criteria for selection of NGOs by the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATC INTHE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SMT.) RITA VERMA): (a) to (d)The National Policy on Education (NPE) provides that Non-Government and Voluntary efforts including social activist groups will be encouraged, subject to proper management and financial assistance provided. At the same time, steps will be taken to prevent the establishment of institutions set up to commercialize education. The NGOs are provided grants on year lo year basis and same NGOs can apply for new projects also. The NGO is sanctioned assistance under the